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TAGS: OVIP (BRZEZINSKI, ZBIGNIEW)
SUBJECT: BRZEZINSKI VISIT SCHEDULE

REF: A) STATE 123671; QZ) SEOUL 4061; C) SEOUL 4047

1. POLCOUNS ON MORNING MAY 16 AGAIN DISCUSSED SCHEDULE WITH MOFA'S PAK SANG-YONG. PAK ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ON 25TH AND TO DELAY DEPARTURE TIME. POLCOUNS SAID, IN LINE WITH REF A, THAT IF STRONG PREFERENCE WAS FOR 25TH MEETING THEN WE WOULD OF COURSE ACCEPT. HE ALSO STATED THAT IF A LUNCH FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT WERE PROPOSED, THEN DELAY OF THE DEPARTURE COULD BE

CONSIDERED. PAK SAID HE COULD NOT OFFICIALLY STATE THAT PRESIDENT WOULD HOST A LUNCHEON, BUT ADDED IN PERSONAL ASIDE THAT MOFA HAD MADE SUCH A PROPOSAL TO THE BLUE HOUSE. OFFICIAL COMMENT WOULD NATURALLY HAVE TO AWAIT A BLUE HOUSE RESPONSE.

2. POLCOUNS THEN AGAIN POINTED OUT THE BENEFITS OF A JOINT MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER, AND MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE. HE SUGGESTED THAT THIS MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED AT BREAKFAST ON THE 25TH. IN MAKING THIS SUGGESTION HE SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI TO VISIT THE FRONT-LINE UNITS ON THE 24TH AND IN

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ORDER TO FREE TIME FOR THIS IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO BEND PROTOCOL A BIT. PAK AGREED WITH THIS FORMULATION AND THAT ANY MEETINGS WITH THE THREE MINISTERS SHOULD BE ON THE MORNING OF THE 25TH. HE SAID THAT A JOINT MEETING HAD MERIT AND THOUGHT A BREAKFAST MEETING MIGHT BE WORKABLE. HE NOTED IN PASSING THAT, SHOULD THE PRESIDENT HOST LUNCH, THE CALL ON HIM MIGHT MOVE

FROM 1000 TO 1030.

3. WITH THE ABOVE IN MIND, THE BEST SCHEDULE NOW
APPEARS TO SHAPE UP AS FOLLOWS:

MAY 24

1300 ARRIVE KIMPO
1330 DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY AND UNC (POSSIBLY
AT UNC HEADQUARTERS)
1445 DEPART UNC BY HELICOPTER FOR I CORPS, 2ND
DIVISION AND ROK FORTIFICATIONS
1700 RETURN TO UNC
1715 ARRIVE RESIDENCE AND CHOSUN
1830 RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE
2000 FAMILY DINNER AT RESIDENCE

MAY 25

0800-0900 BREAKFAST WITH PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN
MINISTER, AND MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

RETURN TO EMBASSY FOR DISCUSSION

1000(1030) MEET WITH PRESIDENT PARK
1200-1330 POSSIBLE LUNCH WITH THE PRESIDENT.
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1400 DEPART KIMPO

4. AT PRESENT THE ONLY LOOSE ENDS ARE THE BREAKFAST
MEETING WITH THE THREE MINISTERS AND WHETHER A LUNCHEON
INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT PFMATERIALIZES OR NOT.
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